

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A shorts type disposable diaper is disclosed. The diaper has a plurality of body-surrounding elastic members provided at a body-surrounding portion which is located between a waist opening portion and a leg opening portion. The body-surrounding elastic members extend in the circumferential direction of the diaper. The body-surrounding elastic members are fixedly disposed in at least side portions which extend outward from longitudinal side edges of the absorbent core in a stretched state so as to manifest elastic contractibility, but are not disposed in at least the center of the portion where the absorbent core exists, or alternatively, are disposed in the portion where the absorbent core exists in such a manner that elastic contractibility does not manifest in at least the above center. The width of the absorbent core measured at the position where the body-surrounding elastic members are disposed is 30 to 60% of that of the diaper, and the width of parts of the body-surrounding elastic members which manifest contractibility is 40 to 95% of that of the diaper.

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